of a subject, was prone to fly at a tangent, and thereby disturbed the calm atmosphere of the House, you did not hesitate to pull the reins.

You have shown a very large measure of tolerance to the non-official Members in expressing their views on matters of administration, even when such views encroached upon personalities. On the whole, we are convinced that you conducted the deliberations of this Council during this budget session in such a way as to promote the utmost freedom of speech without endangering the harmony and comraderie of intercourse among the Members of this Council of all castes and creeds, official as well as non-official, and to direct the flow of its proceedings through useful channels.

In short, Sir, in spite of so many difficult and inconvenient factors in the dual position of Diwan—President of the Council, you succeeded in steering the Council safely to harbour over stormy waters and amidst rocks and shoals, to the satisfaction of all concerned. (*Hear, hear.*)

Once again, I offer our hearty thanks to you, Sir.

The President's reply.

President.—Members of this House, I beg to tender my heartfelt thanks to you for the extremely kind and appreciative remarks made on your behalf by Dr. A. G. Menon on the eve of the closing of this session. I think it our duty to offer our humble and loyal respect to His Highness our Gracious Maharaja, and to wish long life and happiness to our beloved Ruler. And let me, on this occasion, convey my hearty wishes for the success of the Cochin Legislative Council, and my wishes for the happiness and prosperity of all the Members composing it. (*Hear, hear.*)

The Council rose at 5-14 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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